

8 a third member for supporting said plurality of mask strands in a first  
9 intermediate region of said mask strands, between said pair of frame members,  
10 wherein said third member is closer to the screen than one of said first pair of frame  
11 members.

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85 1 8. (Amended) A tension mask assembly according to Claim 3 wherein said third  
2 member and said fourth member apply a frictional force to said mask strands.

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1 10. (Amended) A method for forming a tension mask assembly in a cathode ray tube  
2 having a screen, comprising the steps of:

3 3 (a) providing a tension mask with a plurality of etched mask strands disposed  
4 vertically between two respective end regions;  
5 (b) placing the etched mask strands in contact with a plurality of barrier ridge  
6 elements to the tension mask, wherein the etched mask strands are not affixed to the  
7 plurality of barrier ridge elements; and  
8 (c) affixing the tension mask to a mask frame having vertical and horizontal  
9 elements, wherein the barrier ridge elements are closer to the screen than one of said  
10 vertical and horizontal elements.

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1 12. (Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of aligning the mask  
2 strands and the barrier ridge elements such that the mask strands are perpendicular to  
3 the horizontal elements of the mask frame and the barrier ridge elements.

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